

UTAH STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES OFFICE (SCSO)

Unified Homeless Funding FY2013 Program Practicum



State of Utah Unified Funding Purpose of this PowerPoint:

The <u>Unified Funding</u> Opportunity combines the following programs into one application process:

- o Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund (PAHTF)
- o Critical Needs Housing (CNH)
- o Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

The purpose of these slides is to cover details of each of these programs (mostly the changes to ESG) should you wish to know more; however, you will not be applying for these programs directly



The Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund (PAHTF) is funded by the Utah State Legislature and by contributions made by individuals on their Utah Individual Income Tax Form TC-40, the PAHTF is a competitive grant program to supplement various agencies statewide in moving people out of homelessness. Funding from the PAHTF is a critical component in Utah's Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and Reduce Overall Homelessness by 2014.

Critical Needs Housing (CNH)

is a grant program funded by an appropriation from the Utah State Legislature for special housing purposes within the State.



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Background

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) was previously known as the Emergency Shelter Grant. It is a federal grant administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is a formula base-grant program that is designed to be the first step in a continuum of assistance to prevent homelessness and enable homeless individuals and families to move towards self-sufficiency.



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recent Changes

The HEARTH Act of 2009 has enacted several changes to HUD programs, homeless definitions, and reporting requirements. Those pertinent to ESG are included in this presentation. Key changes are expansion of homeless prevention programs and inclusion of rapid re-housing activities within ESG as a continuance of HPRP. All ESG programs are required to participate in the Homelessness Management Information System (HMIS).



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Eligible Activities

ESG funds can be used to provide facilities and services to meet the needs of homeless people according to HUD's Definition. The following are ESG eligible activities:

- Street Outreach
- · Emergency Shelter
- · Homelessness Prevention
- · Rapid Re-housing
- · HMIS Participation



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (1) Street Outreach

Street Outreach - "providing essential services necessary to reach out to unsheltered homeless people; connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services; and provide urgent, nonfacility-based care to unsheltered homeless people who are unwilling or unable4 to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility" (FR Vol 76(233) 75976)

- Essential Services Consist of:
 - Engagement

 - Case Management Emergency Health Services
 - Emergency Mental Health Services
 - Transportation
 - Services for Special Populations



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (2) Emergency Shelter

Emergency Shelter – "providing essential services to homeless families and individuals in emergency shelters, renovating buildings to be used as emergency shelter for homeless families and individuals and operating emergency shelters." (FR Vol76(233) 75977)

- **Essential Services**
- Renovation
- **Shelter Operations**
- Relocation if persons will be displaced



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (3) Homelessness Prevention

Recipients must be "At risk of Homelessness" Two Threshold Criteria

- 30% AMI
- Insufficient resources immediately available
- And have at least one of the following risk factors (n=7)
 - moved frequently (2 or more times in last 60 days) for economic reasons (not yet defined)
 doubled-up for economic reasons

 - being evicted (need written letter termination within 21 days after application for services)
 - lives in hotel or motel (not paid for by gov, nonprofit or church; otherwise considered homeless)
 - 5) severely overcrowded (more than 1.5 persons per room) 6) exiting an institution (may exit to homelessness)

 - 7) "otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness" (community must specify what these might be in their consolidated plan)



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (3) Homelessness Prevention

- Eligible Activities
 - Housing relocation and stabilization services
 - Short- and/or medium-term rental assistance
 - Short Term Up to 3 months
 - Medium Term Up to 24 months



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (4) Rapid Re-housing Assistance

- Program Recipients must be homeless
- Eligible Activities
 - Housing relocation and stabilization services
 - Short- and/or medium-term rental assistance
 - Short Term Up to 3 months
 - Medium Term Up to 24 months



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (5) HMIS Participation

- All ESG Subrecipients/Subgrantees are required to participate in HMIS
- Eligible Costs
 - Computer, Software and Other equipment
 - · Obtaining technical support
 - Leasing office space and other related costs
 - Salaries for HMIS operators including travel
 - HMIS participation fees

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Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Other considerations

Subrecipients (service providers/non-profits)

- Documentation will be required for homeless status and annual income
- HMIS participation is required for Subrecipient

Direct Recipients (states and local governments)

- CoC's and ESG recipients will need to coordinate
- Centralized or Coordinated Assessment Process is required as developed locally
- Only 60% of total ESG allocation may be used towards emergency shelter and street outreach (or FY10 allocation amount depending on which is higher); Remaining funds go to all other activities



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) (Applies to all ESG Categories)

Required Match of ESG Funds

- ESG recipient is required to match this grant <u>dollar for dollar</u> from other public or private sources by:
 - a) Providing matching funds itself
 - b) Voluntary efforts by any recipient or project sponsor
 - c) Program income can act as match
- Evidence of Matching ESG funds must be provided <u>after</u> the date of award.

(Note: Funds used to match previous ESG grants $\underline{\text{may not}}$ be used to match another subsequent grant award.)



Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) References

Dec 5th 2011 Rules and Regulations:

 $\underline{ http://hudhre.info/documents/HEARTH_ESGInterimRule\&ConPlanConformingAmendments.pdf}$

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